

**FACT SHEET** 

# 4-H IMPLEMENTATION: THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP

as subsequent legislation that established the State Agricultural Experiment Stations and the Cooperative Extension Service, has proven to be some of the most significant legislation passed in improving the quality of life in the United States. The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 created the Cooperative Extension Service as a partnership between USDA, the land-grant university (LGU) system, and local governments. This unique federal-state-local partnership has functioned effectively for more than 100 years. • 4-H youth development is an integral and essential part of the total Cooperative Extension System's educational program. From the very beginning it was intended that the Cooperative Extension Service would provide for the teaching of youth. Funding for Cooperative Extension programs conducted by LGUs is provided at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and at the state and local government levels. Other federal agencies may provide additional funding to support specific programs. In addition, National 4-H Council, state and local 4-H foundations, and/or other private sources may provide private funding to support specific programs.

### FEDERAL PARTNER

# 4-H NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS USDA/NIFA

### STATE/LOCAL PARTNER

# LAND GRANT UNIVERSITIES (1862, 1890, 1994)

#### PRIVATE PARTNER

# NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION

#### PROGRAM EXPERTISE

Identify and examine issue; research current practices and trends, develop a plan to address issue; federal and other partners who may be of assistance

# STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

# CONTENT EXPERTISE

Develop and pilot test materials, resources, training, processes, etc.; produce and make these materials, resources, training, processes, etc.; accessible to appropriate audiences

# RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Identify and solicit private partnerships and funding to support LGU in addressing issues

# TECHNICAL SUPPORT

# SOLUTION CHAMPIONS

Roll out solution—including research behind issues, training (professional development), program, benefits to staff and overall program

# **QUALITY ACCOUNTABILITY**

# DELIVERY EXPERTISE

Implement and evaluate high quality programs that meet all federal requirements for outreach and jointly determined best practices for positive youth development based on contemporary research



# MARKETING AND PROMOTION

Develop media and collaboration-building tools based on LGU products and programs